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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, EFIS, JA, CH
SUBJECT: SENKAKU INCIDENT - APRIL 21

REF: A. TOKYO 6996; B. NAHA 172; C. PEKING 1097

1. MOFA CHINA DIVISION HAS INFORMED US MINISTER DONOWAKI
WENT IN TO SEE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY ASIAN AFFAIRS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR WANG HSIAO-YUN AFTERNOON APRIL 21 IN
EFFORT TO OBTAIN RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION, PROMISED
APRIL 14, AS TO WHY CHINESE FISHING BOATS ENTERED JAPANESE-
CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS. BOATS THEMSELVES, AS OF NOON
APRIL 21, WERE STILL IN VICINITY OF SENKAKUS.
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2. CHINESE EMBASSY, IN RESPONSE TO MOFA INQUIRY, DENIED
AMBASSADOR FU HAO HAD CRITICIZED PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA
RE PFT, AS REPORTED IN JAPANESE PRESS (REF A). FORMER
UPPER HOUSE PRESIDENT KENZO KONO, TO WHOM FU HAO
ALLEGEDLY MADE STATEMENT, NOW ALSO DENIES IT WAS EVER
UTTERED.

3. MEANWHILE, JAPANESE PRESS HAS LOCATED NAGASAKA FISHERMAN, SKIPPER OF BOAT WHICH HAD RECENTLY FISHED ALONGSIDE CHINESE IN WATERS NEAR SENKAKU ISLANDS, WHO ASSERTED, CONTRARY TO OTHER REPORTS, THAT CHINESE WERE IN FACT ENGAGED IN FISHING AND THAT THEIR ENTRANCE INTO SENKAKU TERRITORIAL WATERS WAS INDEED ACCIDENTAL. SKIPPER SAID CHINESE WERE FISHING FOR FILEFISH, AS THEY HAD DONE IN SAME GENERAL AREA LAST YEAR. (LATTER ASSERTION CONTRADICTS ALL OFFICIAL GOJ STATEMENTS TO DATE, WHICH HAVE MAINTAINED THIS WAS FIRST APPEARANCE OF PRC FISHERMEN IN SENKAKU WATERS. MOFA CHINA DIVISION POLOFF TOLD EMBOFF HE HOPED ASSERTION WAS TRUE.) MANSFIELD

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